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Matthew D. LINNIK et al.

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For: METHODS OF TREATING LUPUS BASED
ON ANTIBODY AFFINITY AND SCREENING
METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR USE
THEREOF

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated May 4, 2004 (Paper No. 0404), for which a response was due on August 4, 2004. A petition and fee for a one month extension of time are submitted herewith, extending the deadline for response to September 4, 2004. September 4, 2004 fell on a Saturday, and Monday, September 6, 2004 was a holiday. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein, are respectfully requested.